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BULGARIAN RAILROADS INTRODUCE SOVIET TECHNIQUES

PLAN RR WORK, SPEED CLASSIFICATION.-- Sofia, Izgrev, 9 Mar 51

The classification of trains has now been established on the Soviet pattern, by introducing a technological procedure strictly determining every single operation and setting up the proper plan. Soviet Engineer Dobrotin held a series of lectures for workers of the Soviet Railroad Yard, describing the program of these procedures. Special charts have been set up for classification operations.

The new system provides for much greater speed in classification work, which heretofore took an indefinite time. At present, the make-up and dispatch of a freight train of 45 cars takes about 60 minutes. The stopover time of cars in transit has been reduced from 18 hours to 3.29, and that of cars with local destination from 48 hours to 12. Thus, car circulation has been considerably increased.

All railroad brigades are now working on complex assignments, in accordance with the system established by switching engineer Katsev, which combines the operations of yard engineer, switchman, maintenance man, warehouse man, and car inspector. Owing to the excellent work of the brigades, no fines have been paid in the Sofia Railroad Yard for the last 3 months.

REDUCE REPAIR COST OF LOCOMOTIVES -- Sofia, Izgrev, 9 Mar 51

Engineers at the Stara Zagora Railroad Depot have been successful in reducing the current-repair cost of locomotives. The savings reached in current-repair costs of locomotive No 1746 have been increased by 11 percent over December, 1950, and brought down to 0.75 leva per road-kilometer. Engineer Petkov reduced current-repair costs on his freight locomotive to 2.25 leva per road-kilometer.

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On the other hand, Engineer Zh. Katilov reached a record in the opposite direction by increasing the repair costs on his locomotive from 10 leva to 11.30 per road kilometer. The savings in locomotive repair costs have been accomplished by following closely the methods used by Soviet engineers.

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